



Dear Resident:

I am pleased to present *A Vision for Growing An Inclusive City*. The Vision is the product of more than four years of hard work by residents and businesses across the city. It incorporates

the thoughtful feedback and ideas shared by residents at hundreds of meetings across the city, from small neighborhood gatherings to Citizen Summit III, where more than 3,000 residents participated.

Today, Washington is a city on the move. Our economy is strong and growing, our neighborhoods are thriving again, and thousands of units of housing are under construction. Yet a troubling fact remains—we continue to be one of America’s most divided cities. We are divided by income, education, and employment. We are also divided by physical barriers. The Vision establishes a framework for bridging our divides and growing more inclusively than we have in the past.

The Vision is the first work product in our effort to update the District’s Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is our blueprint for the future and provides the specific policies that will guide our growth and development for decades to come. I encourage you to work with the DC Office of Planning over the next two years as we update our city’s only legislatively-mandated plan.

District government alone cannot achieve this Vision. It will be up to all of us—from the District and Federal governments, to hospitals and universities, to non-profits and international organizations, to local businesses and entrepreneurs, and to citizens—to create the city we want to become. I ask you to join me to take on this charge and help create an inclusive city for residents today and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Anthony A. Williams
Mayor



Dear Resident:

As Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, I believe that we need a bold and inclusive Vision for our diverse city. Such a Vision will not only help us understand and stay focused on where we

want to go, it will also help us revise our Comprehensive Plan during the next two years.

The Vision described in this report is ambitious, but it is also realistic. The report presents a strong, compelling case for why we must grow more inclusively. It sets forth what each of us can do to make our city a better place for our children and grandchildren. I share the Mayor’s view that this Vision targets the key issues we need to face as we plan for our future: keeping and creating successful neighborhoods; improving access to good education and employment for our residents; and physically connecting our city with green spaces, infrastructure, and transportation systems.

I look forward to working with the Council, the Mayor, and residents across our city during the coming years to achieve this Vision. Together, we can develop a Comprehensive Plan that we can all embrace and that helps Washington DC achieve its true potential for all who live, work, and visit here.

Sincerely,

Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

In addition to the thousands of District residents who participated in Citizen Summit III and the Neighborhood Summits, the following agencies deserve special recognition for the time they dedicated to developing this Vision:

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